



# United States Capitol Visitor Center

## Weekly Construction Summary



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### **This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/26/03 through 5/30/03**

- The perimeter wall (2,080 linear feet) of the CVC is now complete. Deep excavation is proceeding rapidly to a depth of 50 ft. along the face of the Capitol and crews are expected to begin erecting the first of 130 steel columns this July. More than 400 truckloads of material is now being removed from the site each day.
- Additional truck traffic may occur this week at the South Barricade Entrance. The trucks will bring concrete that will be used for construction of the walls and roof of the connector tunnel between the CVC and the Cannon Tunnel.
- Deep excavation of the truck tunnel on the north side of the Capitol is progressing along Upper Northwest Drive.

#### **East Front Plaza Work**

- Site excavation continues throughout the project site. Approximately 400 truckloads of material is removed each day.
- Installation of tie-backs (a group of long steel rods) continues throughout the site. The tie-backs, which can measure up to 110 feet, are inserted through the perimeter walls and anchored into the surrounding terrain.

#### **House Side**

- Crews continue construction of a CVC tunnel connector to the existing Cannon Tunnel near the House Steps and Carriageway. Cement trucks will be arriving to the site to pour concrete for the tunnel walls and roof. This increase in truck traffic is scheduled to occur during the upcoming recess. The Carriageway Door, the House Door and the House Steps will remain accessible at all times. At the completion of the tunnel work, which is expected in June, the drive loop will be moved to its previous alignment adjacent to the House Carriageway.

#### **Senate Side (Outside the Main Construction Fence)**

##### **Tunnel Construction:**

- CVC tunnel construction work continues on the East Front Plaza adjacent to and within the Senate triangular parking area.
- Excavation work related to the CVC service tunnel continues in Constitution Avenue NW just east of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW. The tunnel work in this zone will continue for several months.
- CVC tunnel construction work continues along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street.

#### **Senate-Side Utility-Related Work:**

- Weather permitting, paving activities will be completed this week along D Street NE, between Louisiana Avenue and Delaware Avenue NE. Parking restrictions will be in effect along both sides of D Street NE within the work zone between Tuesday, May 27 and Saturday, May 31, 2003.

## **Next Week – Anticipated Work – 6/02/03 through 6/06/03**

### **East Front Plaza Work**

- Excavation and installation of tie-backs will continue on both the Senate and House sides of the CVC construction site.

### **House Side (Outside the Construction Fence)**

- Crews will continue construction of a CVC connector tunnel to the existing Cannon Tunnel near the House Steps. The Carriageway Door, the House Door and the House Steps will remain accessible at all times.

### **Senate Side (Outside the Construction Fence)**

- CVC tunnel work will continue in a portion of the East Front Plaza on the Senate side, along Upper Northwest Drive, along New Jersey Avenue NW, and in Constitution Avenue NW, just east of New Jersey Avenue NW.

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